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HSC Volumes: I now have JFK volumes 1-5, and MLK volumes 1-6 and 8-12. (Vol. 7 will include Jerry Ray's testimony.) There are some new documents in JFK vol. 4, but not all that much. MLK vol. 8 includes a 49-page critique by Harold Weisberg (p. 607) which, to a non-expert on the MLK case, certainly raises nontrivial questions about the HSC's investigation.

HSC Exhibits: Sylvia Meagher has prepared a 9-page descriptive list (1 line per item) of the exhibits in the 5 JFK volumes. Well worth having.

Oswald in New Orleans: Most of you already know about the memo I did on 24 Feb 79, about newly released items of FPCC literature in the FBI's N.O. file. The 544 Camp pamphlet provided by Jesse Core in August contains what appears to be "ck out," plus the notation "105-1095-129." I requested that item from the FBI in February, but haven't heard anything yet. Peter Scott just pointed out that the pre-assassination information about the anti-Castro training camps in CD 984b bears the New Orleans file number "105-1095." New Orleans item 97-74-92 (my #1028; CD 1084a4) has an illegible routing notation which I am now confident is in fact "105-1095 (Anti-Castro activities in the United States)". That's not a particularly surprising notation for the Oswald pamphlet, if in fact the FBI knew all about 544 Camp St. I'll pursue this.

Books: Paperback editions of "Legend" (Epstein) and "The Oswald File" (Eddowes) are out.

Communications: Is this kind of "in-house" newsletter useful? It's going to about 12 people regularly. Submissions of items are welcomed.

Clippings:

** 1. 14 Apr 79 WPost [1 p.] Jack Anderson column, with a little trailer on Frattiano as "another songbird." Anderson quotes from "still-confidential government wiretap transcripts" about Valachi, which are published at 5 HSC 450 and 5 HSC 452. [One thing I'll be looking for in the HSC report is whether Anderson gets off easy.]

2. 26 Apr 79 Bay Guardian [17 pp.] "Inside the Mob in California" (More from "The Bomp," etc. For Mafia buffs rather than ass'n buffs, ***)

*** 3. 27 Apr 79 National Review [6 pp] "The Second Gunman Syndrome," by (of course) David W. Belin. Belin so completely misunderstands the acoustics analysis that he actually says that the fourth shot is the reverberations of the third! He is also unhappy that the HSC didn't let him testify in public, and in general that Congressional staffs have too much power. Plus, of course, J.C. Brewer and J. D. Tippit.

* 4. May 1979 Atlantic [1 p.] A letter denying that Guinn linked the fragments to CE 399. Completely wrong (not the letter-writer's fault, perhaps) but completely unrebutted! Ah, the press.

* 5. June '79 Gallery [1 p.] Blurb for the July issue.

Rare HSC material: While I think of it, does anyone have the 2 pages of ELSUR's which were torn out of most copies of the 9/28/78 handout? (They would have been Exh. JFK-F-623 and 624; see Choyke's article of 10/1/78. They include comments on Sinatra providing women for JFK.)

Also, does anyone have a tape of the first day's PBS-TV coverage of the hearings? I would like to have a record of what I said.

If anyone has actually succeeded in getting the HSC's JFK volumes from the GPO, I would appreciate information on prices, identifying numbers, and procedures.

The transcript of the HSC's critics' conference of September 1977 is said to be circulating. If I get a copy, and if it's not embargoed, is anyone interested in a copy? (It is about 500 pages, I'm told.)